

# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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August 21, 2012

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

**Dear Supervisors:** 

**ADOPTED** 

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

31 August 21, 2012

SACHI A. HAMAI EXECUTIVE OFFICER

CHANGES IN WORK FOR A PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FLORENCE AVENUE STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE 2 IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES OF FLORENCE AND WALNUT PARK (SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1) (3 VOTES)

#### **SUBJECT**

This action is to approve changes in work and the increased contract amount for a public works construction contract for Florence Avenue Streetscape Improvements, Phase 2, in the unincorporated communities of Florence and Walnut Park.

### IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Find that the requested changes in work related to the reconstruction of roadway pavement, curb and gutter, sidewalks, and curb ramps; construction of crosswalks and sidewalk with precast concrete pavers, landscaping, parkway tree planting, and irrigation systems; installation of bus shelters, street furniture, and striping and pavement markings; and modification of traffic signals, with an increase in the contract amount of \$101,993, will have no significant effect on the environment and approve the changes and increased amount for Project ID No. RDC0015121 – Florence Avenue Streetscape Improvements, Phase 2, for variations in bid quantities, additional railroad insurance, and removal of additional concrete, in the unincorporated communities of Florence and Walnut Park, performed by Pima Corporation, Inc.

#### PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to obtain approval of the project from your Board for

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changes in this public works construction contract in support of the timely completion of the project while avoiding delays and the potential for claims. The description of the changes, estimated costs, and the necessary time extensions are listed in the enclosure.

The Director of Public Works (Director) or her designee has been authorized by your Board to order changes in work up to \$10,000 for construction contracts. Enclosed for your Board's approval are changes in work in excess of the Director's delegated limit, which are required to complete the project.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3). Approval of these changes will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public and enhance the quality of life in the affected communities.

#### FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

These changes in work will have no impact to the County General Fund.

Project ID No. RDC0015121, with an increase in the contract amount of \$101,993, is included in the First Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program in the Fiscal Year 2012-13 Road Fund Budget.

If these changes in work are not approved, contract completion will be delayed and increased costs incurred.

#### FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The contract for the construction of this public works improvement was awarded by the Director on April 25, 2011, to an apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid in accordance with the State Public Contract Code, your Board's directives, and as recommended by the Director or her designee.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The changes in work as described above and in the enclosure do not change any conditions which resulted in the original environmental findings.

#### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

The contract provides that the contractor be compensated for the work resulting from changes to the original plans and specifications or changed conditions encountered during the course of construction. The costs are based on contract unit prices, time and materials, or negotiated under the provisions of the contract specifications. The methods for arriving at the costs of the changes are included in the enclosure.

## **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Approval of the requested changes by your Board will ensure the timely completion of work under

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the contract and result in complete and usable facilities.

## **CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

**GAIL FARBER** 

Director

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**Enclosures** 

Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
 County Counsel
 Executive Office
 Internal Services Department (Countywide Contract Compliance)

CHANGES IN WORK (APPROVE) August 21, 2012

<u>PROJECT ID NO. RDC0015121 – Florence Avenue Streetscape Improvements, Phase 2</u> (in the unincorporated communities of Florence and Walnut Park), Supervisorial District 1, Contractor: Pima Corporation, Inc.

#### <u>Project Description</u>:

Reconstruction of roadway pavement, curb and gutter, sidewalks, and curb ramps; construction of crosswalks and sidewalk with precast concrete pavers, landscaping, parkway tree planting, and irrigation systems; installation of bus shelters, street furniture, and striping and pavement markings; modification of traffic signals; and the performance of other appurtenant work.

## Changes in Work:

(1)	Variations in bid quantities	\$ 80,243.00
(2)	Additional railroad insurance	5,750.00
(3)	Removal of additional concrete	<u> 16,000.00</u>

Total \$<u>101,993.00</u>

## **Description of Changes**:

- (1) The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The increase in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities.
- (2) It is necessary to reimburse the contractor for the actual cost of the additional insurance required by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority as stipulated in the contact specifications.
- (3) It is necessary to remove additional concrete found under the existing asphalt concrete pavement at the existing crosswalk areas. The existing concrete layer is thicker than shown in the plans, and it will require the use of more labor, equipment, and time than originally anticipated.

The cost for Item 1 will be based on contract unit prices. The costs for Items 2 and 3 will be based on time and materials as provided in Subsection 3-3 of the contract specifications.

Three additional working days will be required because of these changes.

## Financial Information:

This project will be administered under the Federal Transportation Enhancement Program. Under this program, Federal grant funds awarded to local agencies are used to finance a portion of the construction cost of qualifying projects. Funding for the changes in work is included in the First Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program in the Fiscal Year 2012-13 Road Fund Budget.

## **Revised Contract Amount:**

Original contract amount	\$2,775,673.00
Changes in work previously approved by your Board Changes in work previously authorized by the Director	84,571.50
under delegated authority Changes in work to be approve	9,000.00 <u>101,993.00</u>
Revised contract amount	\$ <u>2,971,237.50</u>
Percent total change to original contract amount	7%

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